2. As per the information received from the States/UTs, on implementation of the land ceiling laws, an area of 68.59 lakh acres has been declared surplus, of which 59.98 lakh acres has been taken possession of, and 49.68 lakh acres has been distributed to 55.34 lakh beneficiaries, of whom 39 per cent belong to Scheduled Castes and 15 per cent to Scheduled Tribes. In addition, 153.22 lakh acres of Govt. wasteland, and 16.66 lakh acres of Bhoodan land, have been distributed to the eligible rural poor.

State-wise package of village industries

†3989. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any system has been developed in co-ordination with the representatives of other Ministries and States for preparing State-wise package of village industries to provide decisive job to the villagers in the village itself;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reaction of Government on its suitability and possibility;

(d) whether there is any plan/mechanism for making such system in States and providing research oriented consultation to them; and

(e) the State-wise lists of the work done in the said direction during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government is supplementing the development and promotion of village industries by State Governments by implementing various developmental schemes. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing a Central sector credit-linked subsidy programme for assisting the entrepreneures in establishing village industries units in rural areas and small towns.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Developing centres of excellence in nano technology

3990. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is discouraging duplication of research in the areas of nano technology and is formulating an integrated approach to develop centres of excellence in nano technology across the country;

(b) if so, whether any mission bound management structure with a well defined blue print has been taken up for consideration;

(c) if so, whether the above measures are adequate to catch up with the progress made in other countries; and

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